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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE TROOPS TO ANGOLA?

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1. INFORMATION REPORTED REFTELS A AND B ALLEGING 250 MOZAMBICAN TROOPS TO BE SENT TO ANGOLA ALSO VARIED ON SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO HEARD HERE. IN REFTEL C, WE CITED REPORTS FROM UNTESTED SOURCES THAT FRELIMO IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR ANGOLAN DUTY, AND NOTED THAT MACHEL'S NOVEMBER 11 SPEECH TO TROOPS AT BOANE WAS SLIGHTLY DISGUISED CALL TO ARMS FOR ANGOLA DUTY.

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WM EMBOFF WAS TODAY TOLD BY BUSINESSMAN WHO ON DETA FLIGHT

TO BEIRA AND LUANDA NOV. 9 THAT PLANE LEFT LOURENCO MARQUES
WITH TWENTY MOZAMBICAN TROOPS ABOARD WHOSE ARMS STORED AS
BAGGAGE. TROOPS DID NOT DISEMBARK IN BEIRA, BUT PRESUMABLY
WENT ON TO NEXT STOP, LUANDA.

3. GIVEN GPRM'S LACK OF MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT, IT LIKELY
THAT COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS WOULD BE USED TO TRANSPORT BULK OF
ANY TROOPS THAT MIGHT BE SENT TO ANGOLA. DETA CONDUCTS REGULAR
COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS LOURENCO MARQUES TO LUANDA TWICE WEEKLY:
THURSDAY (DT 800) AND SUNDAYS (TM 520), BOTH BOEING 737 S.

3. WE ATTEMPTING DEVELOP HARDER INFORMATION THIS MATTER.
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEZS MIGHT DEVELOP.
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